

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 365

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Bethany Anne Banks,
2007 Valedictorian of Rossville Christian
Academy.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Bethany Anne Banks is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2007 graduating class at Rossville Christian Academy; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Miss Banks has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Miss Banks has maintained an exemplary grade point average while participating in many worthy extracurricular activities, including softball; the Beta Club, which she has served as President; Barnabus Club; Big Sister Club; Student Government, which she has served as Secretary and Vice President; the National Honor Society; Senior Club; and the Academic Betterment Competition; she has also been the yearbook editor and a teacher's aide; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Bethany Banks has received First Place in the Science Fair, Second Alternate to the Homecoming Court, the "Most Christian Like Attitude" Senior Superlative, and the Excellence in Leadership Award from the 2004 Tennessee Youth Leadership Summit; she has also been named to *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, Miss Banks's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as a student at Union University, where she will major in English and English Education; and

WHEREAS, Bethany Banks's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Brad and Libby Banks, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Miss Banks's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2007 Rossville Christian Academy Valedictorian, Bethany Anne Banks, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.